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## **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> against Juan Francisco Torres Mezquita charging him in a two count indictment with fraudulent use of a visa to gain entry to the United States, and fraud in connection with identification documents. The indictment alleges that on or about November 28, 2009, Mezquita flew from the Dominican Republic to Philadelphia International Airport where he attempted to enter the United States with a visa in the name of another individual.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 11 years imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release, a \$350,000 fine, and a \$125 special assessment.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Juan Francisco Torres Mezquita	Dominican Republican	1972

The case was investigated by the United States Department of State and the United States Customs and Border Protection and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Virgil B. Walker.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.